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**Manchester Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 4, 2005
6:00 PM — 8:15 PM**

Location: City Hall

Commissioners Present: Michael Poisson (Chairman), Jen Drociak, Kathleen Neville, Eric Skoglund, Todd Connors.

Commissioners Absent: JoAnn O'Shaughnessy, Marty Gavin.

Others Present: Pat Mattson, Jonathan O'Rourke, Art Grindle.

Submitted By: Jonathan O'Rourke

~ Next Meeting @ 6:00pm on Thursday, August 18th 2005

Agenda

I. Minutes of last meeting

- Minutes were approved from the last meeting.

II. Treasurer's Report

- No change in budget.

III. Old Business

- Letter on Alternates: The letter was sent to the Mayor & Board of Alderman. Ordinance is currently being reviewed to amend the current state of alternates. There is no current opposition to this change. Eric Skoglund is going to forward the letter to Jen Drociak to be sent out.
- Posting of Easements: Joan McKibben with the Litchfield Planning Board is being considered for a vender position to create signs to be posted for easement boundaries. Posting signs for easements boundaries will be contracted to Joan McKibben.
- Gas Station on the intersection of Webster and Elm: With the extreme amount of rain a few weeks ago a gas-station was possibly leaking petroleum byproducts. Marty Gavin informed Rick Cantu of this issue and he has since spoken to the individual and is pursuing a course of action. Premium Gas on Front Street is another location that Marty Gavin was concerned with, he informed Rick Cantu of this location as well.
- Membership: There was also discussion on how to recruit new Commissioners. A letter to the Mayor Board of Alderman will be sent to inform them of a vacancy and some suggestions of who might be considered for this position; Eric Skoglund is coming to the end of his term and the Commission is looking to fill this vacancy.

III. New Business

- Art Grindle's Update: For more information, please see Art Grindle's update
- Donski Property: Art Grindle- GZA rep Donski/ Brennerman property; is looking for a copy of the current plan/conservation easement, JoAnn O'Shaughnessy should have a copy of the plan.
- Riverdale lots: Art Grindle- Conservation easement, has there been one created for this area?
- Nutts Pond: Waiting for permits to be sent back to complete the project currently underway; north and south inlet dredging. Henry's Auto body has granted easement to the City. All abutters have been notified and kept informed of the status of the area.
- Swirl-pool: Between Bickfords and Dunkin Donuts- Art Grindle will contact CEI to find out more details about the project per the request of several Commissioners. They are being designed to be able to be cleaned via "Vac-truck".
- Hackett Hill Property: Identification of transect sights, using sent-post surveys. This will help to identify species of animals in the area; it will primarily attract carnivores. Pat Mattson suggested talking to Christine Morrin who worked in this particular area and did an extensive study of a similar nature.
- Funding: The position funded by SEPP was completed in January 2005. CIP is now funding this by a grant through HUD. Funding is needed to complete the pond sampling project; HUD is very specific in their use of money and how it is allocated and the testing, started previously cannot be covered by CDBG funds. Art Grindle is asking for funding to maintain testing of the ponds. The Commission voted to fund this project to the end of the current fiscal year. The motion was made by Jen Drociak and was seconded by all the Commissioners present. The total amount allocated for this sampling will be \$1,100.00.
- Adult volunteers are need for wildlife surveys: Please contact Wendy Shore or Kathleen Neville at the Manchester Fish-ways 603-634-3315. It will be held from 9am-12pm on the 7th, 8th and 9th of September.
- Sierra Club Presentation: Presentation given about Mercury and how to reduce the amount of mercury. Wednesday August 10th from 5:30pm-6:30pm in the Aldermanic Chambers.

IV. Mail & other incoming information

- Mike Poisson will be out of state for the meeting the week of the 18th.
- Copy of Burd Engineering Impact statement (Demers Property)
- Marty Gavin's appointment confirmation

- Amoskeag Water Shed Newsletter
- E. Industrial Park Drive, Coas Brook/sewer/drainage information request
- Dredge and fill Nutts Pond confirmation from Parks and Recreation Dept
- Wetlands permit; dredge and fill, 3,000 Sq ft off of So Mammoth Rd
- Wetlands permit request: five 3'X20' docks off of the Merrimack River